

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
WESTERN DIVISION AT CINCINNATI**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	:	Case No. 1:19-cr-84 Civil Case No. 1:24-cv-288
Plaintiff,	:	
- vs -	:	District Judge Susan J. Dlott Magistrate Judge Michael R. Merz
MARKEITH FORD,	:	
Defendant.	:	

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**ORDER ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Court has reviewed the Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge Michael R. Merz (ECF No. 173), to whom this case was referred pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b), and noting that no objections have been filed thereto and time for filing such objections under Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b) has expired, hereby ADOPTS said Report and Recommendation.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that Defendant's Motion to Vacate under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 (ECF No. 143) be DENIED with prejudice. Defendant is DENIED any requested certificate of appealability and the Court hereby certifies to the United States Court of Appeals that an appeal would be objectively frivolous and therefore should not be permitted to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 58, the Clerk shall enter judgment to this effect.

April 10, 2025.

  
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Susan J. Dlott  
United States District Judge